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FROM : [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Meeting Agenda

The next East Asia warning meeting is scheduled for 21 January at 1400 hours in Room 7 E 62, CIA Headquarters. Please notify [REDACTED] by COB 19 January with the names of your representatives. The following items will be considered at this meeting. (U)

a. China: Has the retreat on economic reforms hurt the prestige of Zhao Ziyang? How does this retreat, the emphasis on ideological slogans and continuing difficulties connected with the PLA affect Deng himself? How is Beijing likely to approach the new administration? (S)

b. Indochina: What is the likelihood that putative Vietnamese sweeps near the Thai border will result in clashes with Thai troops? How serious is the situation in that area? How should we assess recent Chinese hints that Vietnam is in need of another "lesson"? How serious is the "famine" in northern Vietnam and how should we assess its effect on Vietnamese policy? (S)

c. South Korea: President Chun Doo Hwan now appears prepared to orchestrate a reduction in Kim Tae-chung's execution sentence. Has this apparent decision weakened Chun's standing within the ROK military to any significant extent? (S)

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